



# *Appointments and Briefings*

May 9, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

## **View Minutes**

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1. Citizen's Input Time - Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
- 1a. Randy Jones, 69 South Street, New Bedford, MA, speaking on youth activities.

***INVITEES: Randy Jones***

2. City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of MARY ELLEN BERGERON, 82 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740, as A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Mary Ellen Bergeron***

3. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of BARRY G. TRAHAN, 20 Maryland Street, New Bedford, MA 02745, as A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Barry G. Trahan***

4. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of HELEN ROGERS, 16 Pauline Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, for a balance of a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2008. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Helen Rogers***

5. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of DR. JOHN J. FLETCHER, 47 Park Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, for a balance of a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2009. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Dr. John J. Fletcher***

6. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of CARL CRUZ, 202 Cedar Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, for a balance of a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2009. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Carl Cruz***

7. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of ADONIS D. FERREIRA, 28 Liberia Lane, New Bedford, MA 02746, as A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Adonis Ferreira***

8. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JANICE BAPTIST, 32 James Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. Ms. Baptist replaces Rev. Joyce M. Whetstone, who resigned June 30, 1999. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Janice Baptist***

9. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of FRANKLIN A. ECCLESTON, 16 Atlantic Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as a MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. Mr. Eccleston replaces Rev. Dogba R. Bass, who resigned in April of 2005. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Franklin A. Eccleston***

10. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of CAROL F. WALSH, 111 Oaklawn Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, as a MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. Ms. Walsh replaces Dorothy James, whose term expired in December 2006. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Carol F. Walsh***

11. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of LATISHA SILVA, 184 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as a MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, for a THREE-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2010. Ms. Silva replaces Mark Fuller, whose term expired in December 2006. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Latisha Silva***

12. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JILL MACLEAN, 295 Palmer Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, as ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER, for a TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JANUARY 5, 2009. (Ref'd 4/12/07)

***INVITEES: Jill Maclean***

13. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the New Bedford Engineering Department provide the City Council with information on what happened to, and where the location is, of over 125 years of records on Climatological weather observations for the City of New Bedford; and further, when the records are located, that they be placed in the New Bedford Public Library, preferably at the Downtown location, so that this historic information can be accessed by Historians, Researchers and readily available to the public-at-large as well as preserved for our future generations. (Ref'd 12/21/06)
- 13a. Communication, Engineering Department, submitting a Record of River and Climatological Observations. (Ref'd 12/21/06)

***INVITEES: Duarte M. Andrade, Acting City Engineer***

14. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gonsalves and Coelho, requesting that the School Department's Dropout Preventions Specialist meet with the City Council's Committee on Appointments and Briefings to brief the Council on the Department dropout prevention strategies. (Ref'd 2/8/07)

***INVITEES: Bernadette Coelho, Drop-Out Prevention Strategies Program***

15. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting, that the Director of the Buttonwood Park Zoo, meet with the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, to update us on the re-accreditation process currently

pending, as well as any planned improvements at the Zoo. (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: Louis E. Garibaldi, Zoological Services Director; David Prentiss, Ex. Director, Preservation Society***

16. Written Motion, Councillors Alves & Koczera, at the request of concerned neighbors and residents in the area, regarding the activity in and around the vacant building, e.g., drinking and smoking on the roof connecting to the former Sunbeam Bakery Storage Building currently under development, and in light of the fact that no developers responded to the ELCO Dress RFP recently issued, that representatives from the Administration, and the City's Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Economic Development be invited to the next meeting of the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to provide the City Council and concerned neighbors with the Administration's plans and timeline (hopefully, within the next 90 days) for the removal/demolition of the building, using the funds acquired by Representative Koczera for just such a project, before the building burns or someone is injured. (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: David A. Kennedy, City Planner; Ronald A. Durgin, Commissioner of Inspectional Services***

17. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Committee on Appointments And Briefings meet with a representative and investors on the City's Pension Board to review the stability of their investments and projected revenue for the upcoming Fiscal Year, and Acting City Treasurer Normand Audette be invited to said meeting as well. (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer; Normand G. Audette, Executive Aide; Arthur J. Caron, Jr. Chairman, Retirement Board***

18. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals, to address delays in getting decisions transcribed, which delay the Petitioner from proceeding on their ventures. (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: Barry W. Silva, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals***

19. COMMUNICATION, Adam T. Mandell, Congressman Barney Frank's Office, to Councillor Gomes, regarding Homeland Security Grants. (Ref'd 12/21/06) ***TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.***

***Chairman suggests "No Further Action" on the following items:***

20. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, and DeMedeiros, requesting that the City Council meet with the Human Relations Commission, any Community Representatives and any Representatives from the Gay and Lesbian Community who wish to be invited, relative to the recent hate crime that took place at Puzzle's Lounge, in order to explore solutions and preventative measures, so that such a horrible attack never occurs again in our City. (Ref'd 2/9/06)
21. Written Motion, Council President Alves, asking that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Kathy Splinter of the "Welcome Home Veteran Housing Program" to learn more about, and better understand, the program's goals, as well as to discuss how the City Council and the City of New Bedford can assist their efforts to provide housing to our current and returning Veterans; and further, that the City's Veteran Agent, representatives of the Federal Veterans Center at 468 North Front Street and from the Veterans Transition House on Willis Street be invited to said meeting. (Ref'd 5/11/06, Tabled in Veteran's Committee, to be placed on next Agenda)